

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to remove the multiple dependencies listed therein. The Abstract of the Disclosure has been included. Claims 1-8 are pending in this application.

Conclusion

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

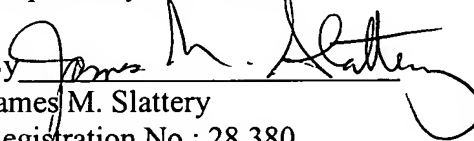
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact James M. Slattery (Reg. No. 28,380) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Disclosed is a device for cooling and/or rinsing at least one steel wire and/or tape, with a member for conveying at least one steel wire and/or tape, a basin which contains a cooling and/or rinsing liquid and is provided with outlets from which a certain number of successive liquid curtains flow in a turbulent manner, the at least one steel wire and/or tape being conveyed through the liquid curtains, and an adjustor for adjusting the number of successive curtains to be penetrated by the at least one steel wire and/or tape according to the cooling and/or rinsing that is to be obtained.